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Applicants: Nikolchev, et al.

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Title: CONTRACEPTIVE TRANSCERVICAL
FALLOPIAN TUBE OCCLUSION
DEVICES AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 3743

Examiner: Kathryn Odland

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants and their representatives wish to thank the Office personnel for the courtesies extended during the personal interview conducted on October 14, 2004.

Present at the interview were Examiner Kathryn Odland, SPE Henry Bennett, Interference Practice Specialist Steve Marcus and Applicants' attorneys Howard Wisnia and James Conley. Also present telephonically was Applicants' attorney James Scheller.

The interview was held to facilitate action being taken with respect to Applicants' Requests to Provoke Interferences between the instant application and U.S. Patent No. 6,096,052 and between the instant application and U.S. Application No. 08/770,123.

Applicants' representatives briefly described the technology involved with reference to Applicants' *Essure*TM device and some literature demonstrating placement of the device within the Fallopian tube.

Applicants' representatives also gave some background on the families of applications that would be involved in the requested interferences and provided the Examiners with diagrams of each family. The Examiners were also informed of a patent litigation which took place between the assignee of the instant application and the assignee of the 6,096,052 patent and the 08/770,123 application.

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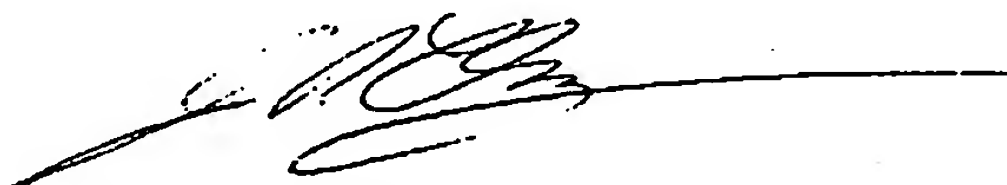
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Interference procedural issues were discussed and the Applicants briefly indicated how the instant application contains support for the claims copied from 6,096,052 and 08/770,123 and how Applicants' disclosures are relevant to those documents. Examiner Odland agreed to begin examination on the instant application with respect to patentability and support for the copied claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable action on this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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